The claims to the throne

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1. 1066 was a remarkable year for England. They had 3 kings, 2 battles and 1 comet

2. When Edward the Confessor died, he had no children, therefore no direct heir. He also died without making it clear who should become the next king

3. A "claimant" is a person who claims the throne

4. Duke William of Normandy, Harold Godwinson and Harold Hardrada were the 3 claimants of the throne

5. William - Edward promised William the throne, to repay the favors he'd done his family and to solve the successor problem.

Harold Hardrada - Harold believe an agreement had been made between the previous kings of England and Denmark, therefore he should be the new king.

Harold Godwinson - He and his sister were at Edwards dead bed and he claims the king said "I commend my wife (his sister) and all my kingdom to your care". There's no clear evidence of this, but there's also no evidence that it didn't happen.

6. Sweyn Estrithsson and Edgar Aetheling

7. A) Harold Godwinson

B) He was not a direct heir to the throne

8. They were furious because Harold was not the rightful heir. He wasn't blood related and the only claim he had was by the kings words, just like william. They all felt they had the rightful claim to the throne

9. I think that Harold Hardrada had the best claim. This is because the two countries had an agreement and this gave him the rightful claim. Godwinson only had his and his sisters words and William had a promise between him and the king.